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SUBJECT: VIVIAN BLAKE TO QUIT PARLIAMENT, JAMAICA

REFERENCE: A. KINGSTON 3615 B. KINGSTON 3677

1. VIVIAN BLAKE, Q.C., THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP)
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR NORTHEASTERN ST. ANN, HAS
REVEALD THAT HE HAS ACCEPTED AN APPOINTMENT TO THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE BAHAMAS. HE IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE
JAMAICA SOMETIME WITHIN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

2. COMMENT: THE DEPARTURE OF BLAKE REMOVES ANOTHER OF THE
MORE SENIOR, MORE MODERATE MEMBERS OF THE PNP FROM PUBLIC LIFE
IN JAMAICA. BLAKE HAS LONG BEEN AT ODDS WITH PRIME
MINISTER MANLEY. HE WAS BESTED BY MANLEY IN 1972 IN A
CONTEST FOR PARTY LEADERSHIP, A RESULT WHICH DASHED
BLAKE'S HOPES OF BECOMING PRIME MINISTER. BLAKE LEFT THE
INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MINISTRY IN JULY, 1977 OSTENSIBLY FOR REASONS
OF HEALTH BUT EQUALLY, WE UNDERSTAND, OVER THE WAY IN WHICH THE
MANLEY GOVERNMENT WAS HANDLING THE ISLAND'S AFFAIRS.
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MOST RECENTLY, BLAKE PRIVATELY VOICED STRONG OPPOSITION
OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVES TO EXTEND ITS CONTROL OF
CULTURAL MATTERS TO INCLUDE THE INSTITUTE OF JAMAICA
(SEE REF B); ON THIS OCCASION BLAKE REPORTEDLY THREATENED
TO RESIGN HIS PARLIAMENTARY SEAT.

3. IT IS NOW CERTAIN THAT A BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD

FOR BLAKE'S SEAT. IT IS ALMOST EQUALLY CERTAIN THAT A
BY-ELECTION MUST BE HELD IN DAVID COORE'S CONSTITUENCY.
THE LIKELIHOOD THAT A.G. R. BYFIELD WILL RECOVER
SUFFICIENTLY FROM HIS CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE -- WHICH HAS
INVOLVED BRAIN SURGERY -- TO RESUME HIS PARLIAMENTARY
DUTIES IS REMOTE. THE RESULTING PROSPECT OF THREE BY-
ELECTIONS HAS TOUCHED OFF A DEBATE WITHIN THE OPPOSITION
JAMAICA LABOR PARTY (JLP) REGARDING THE WISDOM OF ITS POLICY OF
BOYCOTTING ALL ELECTIONS PENDING ELECTORAL REFORM.
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